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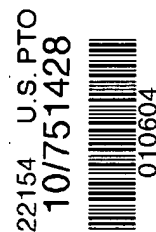
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Honchin EN, Tohru NAKAI, Takeo OKI, Naohiro HIROSE, and Kouta NODA
PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD
Assignee: IBIDEN CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q78819

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/787,139 (Confirmation No.6279) of Honchin EN, Tohru NAKAI, Takeo OKI, Naohiro HIROSE, and Kouta NODA entitled PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD, which entered National Stage on March 14, 2001, and which is a §371 National Stage application of International Application No. PCT/JP99/05003, filed September 14, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 47 sheets of drawings, a Preliminary Amendment, Modified PTO/SB/08 A&B (06-03) and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2827.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, Application Number 09/787,139, filed March 14, 2001, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10/259854	September 14, 1998
Japan	10/283435	September 17, 1998
Japan	10/288925	September 24, 1998

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/787,139.



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Divisional of USSN 09/787,139

The Government filing fee after entry of the Preliminary Amendment is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>37</u> - 20	=	<u>17</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$306.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>11</u> - 3	=	<u>8</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$688.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee							<u>\$290.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$770.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$2,054.00

Checks for the statutory fees in the amounts of \$1764.00 and \$290.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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